

NATURAL GAS AND ALGERIAN STRATEGY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

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INTRODUCTION

□ The renewable energies sources can contribute to the reduction of the greenhouse gas emissions and to the security of the energy supply.

□ Algeria has not only extensive **gas reserves**, but also **huge** renewable energy resources especially solar and wind power.

□ Algeria plans to increase the share of renewable energy in its total supply to **5** per cent by 2010.

□ To achieve this, Algeria has developed its own national strategy for renewable energy.

IMPORTANCE AND ADVANTAGES OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGIES

The renewable energies :

contribute to the reduction of the greenhouse gas emissions;

provide opportunities for poverty eradication, particularly in rural and remote regions;

- limit the risks and the pollution of air, water, ground and biosphere;
- enhance energy security;
- preserve the reserves of the natural resources;

reinforce the local economy by the development of small and medium-sized companies;

create export opportunities of electricity;

ALGERIAN RENEWABLE PROGRAMME

✤ Algeria has set up a national programme for the promotion of renewable energy sources in the frame of its sustainable energy development plan for 2020.

✤ The first target is to increase electricity production by the renewable energies to 5% of the total production by 2010.

During the last decade a number of regulatory and institutional measures have been introduced in order to deal effectively with environmental concerns in development projects and with highly polluting activities. Three principal reasons plead in favour of renewable energies development in Algeria :

- They constitute a solution economically viable to provide energy services to the rural isolated populations in particular in the Great South areas,
- 2. They allow a sustainable development because of their inexhaustible character, and of their limited impact on the environment and contribute to the safeguarding of our fossil resources,
- 3. The monetisation of these energy resources can have only positive repercussions as regards of regional balance and creation of jobs.

INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES FOR THE RENEWABLE ENERGIES

➤ The law relative to the electricity and to the public distribution of gas, promulgated in February 2002, liberalized the sector of electricity.

➢ A decree, on diversification of electricity production costs was enacted the 25th of March 2004.

➤ The law on renewable energies within the framework of the sustainable development promulgated in August 2004.

> A lawful text was recently promulgated, to ensure the price support of electricity produced from renewable energies.

➤ To develop renewable energies projects, Algeria created, the company New Energy Algeria (NEAL).

NEW ENERGY ALGERIA

Neal is a company created in july 2002 between Sonatrach, Sonelgaz the national power company and a private investor the objective is the :

promotion and the development of new and renewable energies,

✓ identification and the realization of projects related to these energies,

✓ definition, development and the implementation of development strategies,

organization of industrial and commercial activities

- contribution to the production of electricity from solar and wind,
- marketing of the electricity produced this way as well on the local market as to export,
- promotion of photovoltaic, in particular in the south of the country,
- search of partners for the investment and the exploitation of new and renewable energies,

constitution of a research pole for the solar with the research and/or training centers.

FIELD OF RENEWABLE ENERGIES



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Solar Energy

Regions	Coastal Region	High Plateaus	Sahara
Surface (%)	4	10	86
Average sunshine duration (Hours/year)	2650	3000	3500
Received average energy (Kwh/m²/year)	1700	1900	2650

Solar Potential in Algeria

❑ The exploitation of this solar potential enables us to complete our program for rural electrification;

□ Today 95% of the country is covered by the domestic grid. Remote areas, far away from the power grid can only benefit from electricity supplied by an adequate use of renewable energy.



Algerian LNG Exports in 2004



Source : Market News « Activity of Sonatrach, January 2005

EXPECTED GAS EXPORT CAPACITY 85 BCM/Y BY 2010



MEDGAZ Project

Flowrate: 8 Billion m³/year

 Hassi R' Mel to Beni Saf (Onshore Pipeline/Algeria)

Beni Saf to Almeria (Offshore
 Pipeline)



GALSI Project

- Hassi R' mel El Kala (onshore pipeline/Algeria) : Length: 640 km.
- El Kala Cagliari (offshore): Length: 310 km; Depth: 1950 M

- Cagliari Olbia (Sardinia) : Length: 300 km
- Olbia-C.D.Pescaia (Offshore)
 Length : 220 km; Depth : 900 M



Trans Saharan Project

Gas pipeline of approximately 4500 km linking the region of Warri (Nigeria) to Algeria and Europe:

- Flowrate : 18 To 25 BCM;
- 2500 km on the Algerian territory;
- 750 km on the territory of Niger;

1300 km on the territory of Nigeria.

HYBRID SOLAR GAS PROJECT

Algeria strategy consists in carrying out a synergy between the Solar one and the natural gas thanks to hybrid solar gas projects by profiting from the Algerian natural gas endowment and to the permanent sun shining of the South of the country.

An important hybrid solar gas project is being planned and has already prompted some interested responses.

The first project adopted by Neal is the realization in Hassi R'mel (South Algeria) of a hybrid power station i.e running with gas and solar of a capacity of 150 MW including 25 MW of solar field. Algeria sees ideal opportunities of combining Algeria's richest fossil energy source – the natural gas – with Algeria's most abundant renewable energy source – the sun – by integrating concentrating solar power into natural gas combined cycles.

The development of solar energy could save significant quantities of hydrocarbons and particularly of natural gas, which could be exported towards Europe and the United States.

The positive implications are double: Firstly, the reduction of burned fossil fuels, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions, while contributing to improve the energy supply of the our partners.



Annual map of the wind average velocity to 10m of the ground (m/s)



Seasonal map of the wind velocity

Project Wind Farm

The second project is the realization of a wind farm in Tindouf (South Algeria) of a capacity of **10 MW**. It will be of the wind-diesel hybrid type.

CONCLUSION

➢Algerian energy strategy major concerns and priorities have always been the important convergence between energy management, environment and sustainable development.

➤The technically exploitable potential of renewable energies in Algeria is considerable and the quality of the fields is such as profitable investments can be considered for their development. ➤The development of renewable energies corresponds to the option of a local development, monetizing the existent resources, supporting employment and replying to social waiting in favor of a sustainable development.

Algeria's solar potential and land resources are optimal for the implementation of solar thermal power technologies. >Overall, Algeria is aiming at a 5% share for solar in the country's electricity mix by 2010.

Algeria has an efficient electric grid, an important energy potential allowing for a significant power generation from renewable sources that may supply the European market. THANK YOU